



## CHRISTMAS WAS A MERRY DAY IN FLAGSTAFF

Yesterday was a merry Christmas. A clear, balmy day, warmer than sometimes in early fall, the sun shining brightly—it was not typical Christmas weather, and was all the more enjoyed because it wasn't.

The rich, the well-to-do, the poor and needy—all were on intimate terms with Kris Kringle, and the little tots in families of all grades of prosperity were happy and pleased over the things his gracious majesty had brought them. For prosperity is practically universal in our little city, so in cases where the chimney was not big enough or old Santa had mislaid the addresses, kind-hearted people helped the old fellow out by placing big Christmas trees in various public places, where they invited him to visit and where they had gathered in the little folks whose chimneys were not big enough or whose addresses had been mislaid.

### The Elks Were at Home

Elks hall on Wednesday night was one of these places. All the little folks who had been invited came. A lot of Elks and their ladies were there to help Santa. And the useful gifts that merry chap brought! Clothing, underwear, shoes, not forgetting candy and toys. He surely was thoughtful. But he hadn't had any idea at all that there would be so many of his little friends there to meet him, and his shoes did not go around. Did that daunt old Santa? Not at all! He just whispered to those Elks and their ladies, and told them there were some shoes up at the J. C. Penney store that belonged to him, and for them to go there and get them. Which they did, and so every one of those little children had useful, comfort-giving souvenirs of his visit.

### The Knights Were Knightly

Santa Claus also asked the Knights of Columbus to help him make some of our families happy, because his reindeers were pretty tired with all the traveling they had been doing. The Knights fell in with the idea enthusiastically and turned to and distributed about thirty-five baskets of food, the kind you expect to have on Christmas day.

### At the Federated Church

At the Federated church Wednesday night they had one of the most successful Christmas tree celebrations in their history. The church was crowded and so was the tree. Mrs. W. S. Borum told a Christmas story, aided by characters arrayed to represent Herod, the wise men and the shepherds. The Misses Lucile and Louise Fowler sang a duet, Miss Louise a solo, and there was chorus singing by the classes.

### At the Episcopal Church

At the Episcopal church on Wednesday night there was also a big, bountifully laden tree, and an interesting program given by the Sunday school classes. Little Miss Mary Elizabeth Swinnerton recited. A Christmas exercise was given by little Misses Helen Herrington, Carolyn Lusk, Alta McCullough and Lenore Belmont, and another Christmas exercise by six boys. The program was concluded by singing "America." There were presents for all the pupils from their teachers, and candy, fruit and nuts for everyone present. Special Christmas services were held at the church yesterday morning by Rev. Luther Moore, the pastor, and the Christmas high communion service, the choir singing appropriate Christmas carols and hymns.

### At the Catholic Church

At the Catholic church the Christmas festivities opened on Tuesday afternoon, with a tree in the basement of the church. The program given by the children was very pretty and was followed by the playing of games. The Catholic ladies arranged the program, raising the funds by subscription, the balance left being turned over to the Knights of Columbus for their food baskets. High mass was held at the church at midnight Wednesday, another mass for the children at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, with high mass two hours later. At each mass there was appropriate singing.

### NEW DEPUTY CITY CLERK

M. J. Hanley, deputy city clerk, has resigned, to take a position in the auditing department, at Babbitts'. It is understood that his successor will be L. C. Stevenson, now connected with the billing department at Babbitts', and that the change will go into effect at least by the first of the year, perhaps a few days sooner.

Joe has made a very good deputy, and is popular, but decided that the position did not offer him enough opportunity for advancement, hence his resignation. Mr. Stevenson comes to his new position highly recommended, and undoubtedly will fill it with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the taxpayers.

### LITTLE ROBERT SANFORD DIED ON TUESDAY

Robert, the little three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Sanford, died Tuesday morning at the family residence, on North Leroux street, of pneumonia, which developed from whooping cough.

The funeral arrangements were made by the Arizona Undertaking Co., the services being held at the Catholic church on Wednesday.

The aged mother of I. B. Koch, vice president and manager of the A. L. & T. Co., died last week in San Francisco. Mr. Koch had been with her a week recently, and was advised of her death shortly after returning here.

## THERE'S NO STOPPING THAT FELLOW CUPID!

Cupid keeps right on shooting his darts, and the usual crop of love fatalities was gathered this week.

Henry Sorrel, 39, and Amy Connors, 23, both of Williams, were among his victims who came here to get from County Clerk Tom Rees the prescription for healing their wounds. Tom also obliged Henry D. Kislingsbury, 22, and Esther Elizabeth Stevenson, 18, both of Winslow, and Justice of the Peace R. J. Kidd performed the operation that made the twain one.

Then along came John Albert Barslow, 22, and Velma Theresa, 18, both Williamsites, and carried their license back to Williams, where Justice J. S. Button tied the lovers' knot around 'em.

## FIFTY NEW JURORS FOR FARRELL CASE

The Farrell murder case comes up for trial this morning, and, in the belief that the previous venire would not furnish enough talesmen from whom to select the twelve men who are to listen to the evidence, Judge J. E. Jones, of the superior court, had an additional venire of 50 names drawn, as follows:

John Hall, Grand Canyon.  
K. J. Nacker, Flagstaff.  
Parham Williams, Flagstaff.  
Harry Adelson, Williams.  
C. M. Marshall, Flagstaff.  
Peter J. Solberg, Flagstaff.  
J. E. Purtyman, Sedona.  
James E. Bladell, Grand Canyon.  
Frank Sylvester, Williams.  
J. G. Dooley, Flagstaff.  
S. C. Black, Flagstaff.  
Oscar Larson, Williams.  
S. C. Simpson, Jr., Flagstaff.  
C. G. Beach, Spring Valley.  
T. E. Pollock, Flagstaff.  
J. M. Miller, Williams.  
A. R. Montgomery, Williams.  
W. A. Lannon, Camp 1.  
D. L. Hogan, Flagstaff.  
Geo. M. Nichols, Flagstaff.  
Charles C. Compton, Flagstaff.  
George H. Reinhardt, Williams.  
Stanley Sykes, Flagstaff.  
E. B. Hauser, Flagstaff.  
E. B. Raudebaugh, Flagstaff.  
S. M. Felt, Flagstaff.  
Fred Keno, Camp 10.  
Edward J. Johnson, Williams.  
J. H. Andrews, Williams.  
F. L. Pendley, Upper Oak Creek.  
John M. Ware, Sedona.  
John B. Williams, Williams.  
E. M. Hart, Sedona.  
Frank Conrad, Flagstaff.  
S. J. Gassman, Flagstaff.  
J. C. Butler, Williams.  
L. W. Cress, Flagstaff.  
James Giddings, Flagstaff.  
A. H. Barnes, Flagstaff.  
Frank C. Compton, Flagstaff.  
Otis P. Kent, Williams.  
George L. Barnes, Williams.  
J. H. Frohmiller, Flagstaff.  
Thomas F. Bolger, Flagstaff.  
Carl LaSalle, Williams.  
William Cole, Williams.  
James B. Ormond, Flagstaff.  
Milton I. Powers, Flagstaff.  
Henry L. Albers, Flagstaff.  
J. E. Bente, Flagstaff.

## PRICE OF THE SUN TO BE ADVANCED, AND WHY

The price of news print paper has advanced to such a point that the cost of the paper on which The Sun is printed is not covered by the present subscription price.

And paper is constantly growing more scarce and more expensive. Every other item concerned in the printing of The Sun—wages, metal, ink—all have been and still are increasing in cost.

The Sun, though much larger than any other weekly paper in Arizona, has been selling for no more than the smallest of them do.

Compared with the average of these other weekly papers, from the standpoint of number of pages—to say nothing of The Sun's higher quality—the subscription price of The Sun should be at least \$5 a year.

We won't charge that much for it; but, beginning on February 1st, the subscription rates will be increased.

All who subscribe to The Sun between now and February 1st may do so at the present rate of \$2.50 a year. All who renew their subscriptions previous to that date, no matter when their present subscription expires, may renew at the \$2.50 rate.

But after February 1st, 1920, neither new subscriptions nor renewals can be accepted at less than the following rates:

One year, \$3.00.  
Six months, \$1.75.  
Three months, \$1.00.

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SUBSCRIBE OR RENEW THIS MONTH.

W. J. Stevenson came home Friday night to remain until after the holidays, bringing with him Jack Smith, who is helping him build a new school house at the falls on upper Oak creek. Jack, the "youngest old soldier" is as spry as ever. Both men tell lurid tales of the way the fish were killed in Oak creek during the recent freshet. They deny that they were drowned, but say they were smashed by rocks and wood thrown about by the stream, or left stranded by the subsiding water in pools along the shore.

R. W. Watson, whose ranch lays north of Maine, at the foot of Government mountain, was in town the first of the week to get a repair to his threshing engine. He is now threshing for the O'Brien boys, having just finished threshing his own barley last week, getting a yield of more than 50 bushels to the acre. The barley will go into his bogs.

## STOCKMEN AROUSED BY SANTA FE TAKING UP MILLION ACRES LAND

Due to the Santa Fe railroad giving notice of their intention to place scrip on 1,178,241 acres of public domain grazing lands, an enthusiastic meeting of stockmen, held at Williams on December 23d, resulted in the organization of the Northern Arizona Protective association. The stockmen and their representatives are from Coconino, Mohave and Yavapai counties. The officers elected at the organization meeting are: President T. E. McCullough, Flagstaff; vice-president, Martin Buggeln, Williams, and secretary-treasurer, B. F. Sweetwood, Williams.

All possible efforts of the Northern Arizona Protective association will be directed to prevent the Santa Fe from securing patent to this immense body of grazing lands. This scrip matter is of greater importance to the stockmen of the northern part of the state than any other measure that has developed during the past ten years. Much indignation was manifested at this meeting when the stock men understood the magnitude of the area involved. By taking over one million acres of grazing lands, which are absolutely necessary for wintering cattle and sheep, and placing them in the hands of a limited number of large cattle and sheep outfits, the small and larger outfits not participating in the division of lands will be put out of business. If it was practical to feed herds of cattle during the winter period, the smaller men could pull through; however, feeding is both too expensive and impractical to be undertaken.

When all of the stockmen of the northern part of the state realize just what this effort to place scrip by the Santa Fe will mean to their interests, a great big howl will be heard all over the state. The association urges all stockmen to join their association in order that their interests can be protected. The land under process of being scrip extends from the Grand Canyon on the north to the Baca grant and the Williams river on the south; from eighteen miles east of the Grand Canyon railroad on the east to the Kingman-Yucca ranges. The distance is approximately 150 miles in an east and west direction with a width ranging from ten to sixty miles.

It is claimed by the stockmen and ranchers that if the Santa Fe is successful in patenting 1,178,241 acres of government land it will greatly affect the stock business in the northern part of the state. It would, furthermore, prevent any homesteads being taken up in the territory involved, due to the railroad sections having already passed into private holdings. By putting out of business a large number of cattle and sheep outfits, business conditions in the towns of Kingman, Seligman, Ash Fork, Williams and Prescott would suffer.

All stockmen are invited to communicate with the secretary-treasurer of the Northern Arizona Protective association, Box 625, Williams, Arizona.

## HOW THE KING AND QUEEN WERE RECEIVED AT FLAGSTAFF

The king and queen of the Belgians, as they recall their sojourn in this well-known "land of the free," will have occasion to smile a quiet smile at some of the amusing things that happened on the trip, opines Herbert Corey in the San Antonio Light. He quotes an observer who says, "we Americans haven't yet learned how to handle kings and queens," and produces evidence to prove it. Of course, living in a land where royalty is moderately scarce, it is conceded that we have had but little opportunity to learn precisely "what isn't done" in the presence of a personage of royal blood, a fact which the Belgian rulers will no doubt charitably bear in mind when they think of the ladies who curtsied so low before them that, according to the observer above quoted, who is evidently a very plain-speaking person, "the bursting of corset-strings sounded like the abrupt deflating of rear tires," and of those other ladies of exceeding avoirdupois who "achieved the ultimate in the way of sinking before majesty, but could not get back to an upright position without outside aid." Mr. Corey quotes further this observer in his description of the doubtfully inspiring sight of a sturdy democrat meeting socially the first honest-to-goodness king that ever graced these shores with his royal presence, and we read:

"The sturdy democrat would take the king's hand, and then he would not know what to do with it. Not being brought up to the etiquette of courts, he never knew whether he or the king was supposed to let go first. And he always smiled warmly at the king, but rarely initiated any conversation. Nor did the king, because his English is not exactly ardent. By and by Brand Whitlock, or one of the other hands attending royalty, would pry the democrat loose and he would move on. And another would take his place, smiling warmly, but also speechless."

The next day the king and queen visited Albuquerque, N. M., said the observer, and the Albuquerqueans put on an Indian dance to amuse them. They had heard of the pitiful efforts of the odious Swinnerton and his fallacious associates and determined to give the king and queen a desert-dance show they would never forget. The observer thinks they succeeded. The Albuquerque affair lasted four hours! As is the custom of royalty, the king carries trucks full of orders and (Continued on page 7)

## HER TRIAL FOR MURDER OF HER HUSBAND, WILL COMMENCE TODAY



Mrs. Jean Percy Farrell and children, Leonard, aged 11, and Bessie, aged 9

Mrs. Farrell goes on trial in the superior court here today, charged with the shooting of her husband, Jas. C. Farrell, after a quarrel, at their little ranch home in Garland Prairie, on September 24.

A short time after her arrest Mrs. Farrell was released in bonds of \$5,000, furnished by Mrs. Chas. W. Heiser, of Flagstaff. This good Samaritan was given the custody of the children by Judge J. E. Jones, and they have been living with Mrs. Heiser and attending school.

Mrs. Farrell does not deny having shot her husband, but asserts that she killed him in a panic of fright caused by his assertion, made shortly after he had decided to desert his little family, to "clean out the whole damned lot" of them.

J. W. Overfield, of Reedville, W. Va., father of Mrs. Farrell, is here to be with her during the trial. Francis D. Crable is her attorney.

## NEWSPAPERS ASKED TO CONSERVE PRINT PAPER

Every newspaper in the country, was called on by the house postoffice committee to reduce its consumption of newsprint paper by ten per cent for a period of six months in an effort to relieve the present serious shortage which the committee has been told threatened the destruction of a number of small papers.

Voluntary co-operation of publishers would obviate the necessity for repressive government action, said this committee statement.

Members of the committee said that if the publishers carried out the voluntary conservation plan, further action on the Anthony bill to limit the size of newspapers and periodicals using the second-class mail privilege would be postponed.

## TORREZ' LAWYER FELL DOWN ON HIS JOB

Whether Simplicio Torrez, the Mexican murderer of Town Marshal Vic E. Melick, of Williams, would have been granted a new trial had his attorney, Mercer Hemperley, properly handled his appeal, is conjectural; but at any rate Hemperley's error—or errors—have prevented the convicted man's getting a re-trial, and he will be brought back here next week, when he will be resented by Superior Court Judge J. E. Jones, and then will be taken back to Florence to hang for his dastardly crime.

The state supreme court's decision, in part, is as follows:

"We would have been glad to review the attempted appeal in this case, but we are without jurisdiction to do so, and the motion of the attorney general to dismiss will have to be granted. The record affirmatively shows that the appellant, Simplicio Torrez, was informed against by the county attorney of Coconino county, and charged with the murder of one Victor E. Melick, said to have been committed on or about the thirty-first day of May, 1919. The information was filed June 11, 1919. Thereafter the appellant was arraigned and pleaded not guilty. A trial was had before a jury and appellant was found guilty of murder in the first degree, and the penalty fixed at death. The verdict of the jury was rendered on July 18, 1919. On July 21, 1919, the appellant gave the following notice of appeal:

"Notice is hereby given that the defendant, Simplicio Torrez, hereby appeals from the verdict of conviction rendered in that certain case, wherein the state of Arizona is plaintiff, and Simplicio Torrez is defendant, and from the whole thereof."

"On the fourth day of August, 1919, the court rendered judgment and sentenced the appellant to death. On the same day (August 4, 1919), the appellant filed a motion for a new trial, which was overruled. No notice of appeal from the judgment or from the order denying a new trial was given. In this state of the record, we are without jurisdiction to review the case. There is no such thing as an appeal solely from a verdict of guilty, under the provisions of the penal code.

"So, it may be said in this case that where an appeal is not taken from a final judgment . . . this court, of course, acquires no jurisdiction, and the judgment of the lower court becomes final and conclusive.

"It is not a pleasant duty to have to dismiss an appeal without reviewing the case, especially in so grave a case as the present one, but we are powerless and without any discretion in the matter. The appeal, is, therefore, dismissed, with directions to the superior court of Coconino county to proceed with the execution of its judgment."

D. L. Cunningham, Chief Justice.  
A. C. Baker, Judge.  
Henry D. Ross, Judge.

Therefore, the man who got the money for defending Torrez is the man who threw away that young desperado's last chance for freedom or mitigated sentence. Aside from his filing of the notice for appeal too soon and asking for an appeal from the verdict of the jury instead of from the ruling of the court, and his failure to file the customary abstracts, Hemperley's conduct of the case was masterful.

It is reported that Hemperley announces that he will now appeal for a new trial after Torrez is re-sentenced. The only obstacle to his doing that is that the law doesn't permit it.

## LOCAL EDUCATORS GO TO PHOENIX CONVENTION

Principal J. O. Creager, of the Normal school; Prof. H. E. Hendrix, of the Normal school; Dr. M. G. Fronskie, of the city board of education, and O. H. Richardson, principal of the Flagstaff high school, will leave Sunday night for Phoenix, where, on Monday and Tuesday, they will attend the convention of the school administrators of the state. There are three subjects to be discussed: "Grades of High School Standing," "The Training of Mexican Children," and "The Training of Teachers in Service." Prof. Hendrix will deliver the principal address on the last-named subject.

Stanton Borum, who has been working for his brother, W. S. Borum, at the Confection Den for so long that it will seem lonesome not to see him there any more, will leave shortly after the first of the year for DeLand, Fla., where his parents live, and, if he finds business conditions there promising, will remain. Stanton numbers his friends only by the number of his acquaintances, and will be missed.

## NELSON-RAYMOND JURY BRINGS IN A \$26,000 VERDICT

The jury in the damage suit of Oscar Nelson against Dr. R. O. Raymond brought in a verdict for \$26,000 damages. The amount claimed in the suit was \$32,000. The jury was out about five hours, arriving at their verdict at 10 o'clock Tuesday night.

Against this verdict two jurors—Wm. H. Switzer and H. B. White—dissented. They held out against the payment of a single cent of damages. But in civil suits in this state, when nine jurors are agreed, a verdict is reached.

The announcement of the verdict Wednesday morning created a sensation, and adverse comment was heard on every hand. Those who had attended court and followed the evidence closely were astounded. Some of them did not hesitate to say that it was a gross and flagrant miscarriage of justice.

Many of our best informed people felt that the bringing of the suit in the first place was a pettifoggish imposition upon the county, and as the suit progressed, this conviction grew stronger and more general. Those who followed the testimony were satisfied when the prosecution was through with the presentation of the testimony of their two witnesses, the plaintiff himself and Arthur Vandever, that the case could have only one outcome—a verdict for the defendant—and as the defense produced witness after witness, of undoubted high intelligence and character, Dr. Raymond's host of friends chuckled over the expected discomfiture of the prosecution.

And then everybody's calculations were upset by the jury.

Dr. Raymond will appeal the case, and it is believed almost unanimously by our local lawyers and physicians, the verdict will be reversed by the supreme court.

The case grew out of an accident in which the plaintiff dislocated his hip and broke the rim of the hip socket. He was taken to Milton hospital, and put under Dr. Raymond's care. He alleged neglect at the hospital, resulting in his becoming permanently crippled.

The evidence showed conclusively that Dr. Raymond had not only operated on and treated the man skillfully, carefully and in accordance with the latest and most approved methods, but that he had been assisted by well-known, highly-competent local physicians as well as the three acknowledged leading surgeons of the Southwest. The evidence also showed that the plaintiff had twice, during the early stages of his suffering, removed the bandages and weights holding his leg in place, undoing the work of the surgeons and their efforts to cure him.

Those who testified for the defense were Dr. Raymond, himself; Dr. Lewis Morton, of Los Angeles; Dr. E. Payne Palmer, of Phoenix; Dr. E. J. Cornish, of Albuquerque; Dr. C. D. Jeffries, of Williams; Drs. Thos. P. Manning, E. S. Miller, M. G. Fronskie and A. H. Schermann, of Flagstaff; Miss Lillian Caddy, of Douglas, the nurse who assisted in reducing the dislocation when it first occurred; Miss Jennie May Gavin, of Albuquerque, who succeeded Miss Caddy; James Oaks, who was janitor at the hospital while Nelson was there; Wm. Rootvas and Jesus Marino, who were patients at the hospital at the same time Nelson was.

The defense was most ably conducted by C. B. Wilson, of Flagstaff, and Robert McMurche, of Phoenix.

Nelson was represented by Mercer Hemperley and Ike Barth, the latter from Albuquerque.

Judge J. E. Jones, in his instructions to the jury, favored the defendant.

The plaintiff's attorneys gave no bond for the expenses of the jury, which will have to be borne by the county.

## MISS MARY REBECCA MERRITT IS DEAD

Mary Rebecca Merritt died at her home on North Beaver street at eight o'clock p. m. Saturday, December 20th, in the seventy-first year of her age, the immediate cause of her death being heart trouble. She was born in Jammamine county, Kentucky. During the Civil war she, with her family, removed to Missouri, settling in the neighborhood of Kansas City. In the year 1900 she came with others of the family to Flagstaff, where she has resided since. When twenty years of age she suffered a paralytic stroke, which left her a partial cripple for the remainder of her life, but she bore her affliction patiently and cheerfully. Funeral services were held at the house on December 22nd, at three o'clock in the afternoon, relatives and intimate friends only being present. Miss Merritt leaves a sister, Miss Emma Merritt, with whom she lived; a brother, Samuel Merritt, and two nieces, Mrs. Geo. T. Herrington and Mrs. Alex. A. Johnston.

Edward Smith, of Detroit, who has been down in the Texas oil fields surveying prospects, arrived the first of this week and will be the guest of his brother, Lee Smith, for a few days, after which he contemplates returning east to launch the sale of some extensive land holdings he and Flagstaff citizens have obtained in Loving county, Texas, including three sections of land that promise to produce oil.

Mrs. George Draine, of St. Joseph, Mo., who had been here for several weeks visiting her son, W. D. Draine, has returned home.